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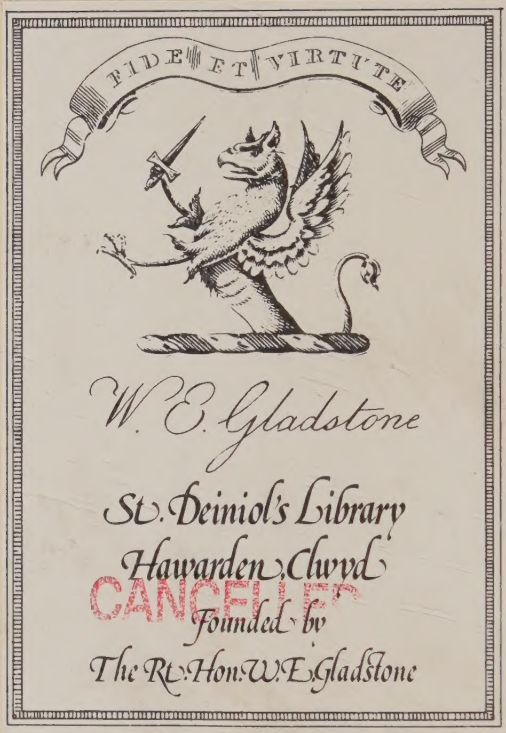
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PREFACE

THIS book has been drawn up by a Committee appointed by Bishop Gore at the request of the Archdeacons and Rural Deans. The Committee were charged with the duty of revising the existing book of Special Forms of Service for the Diocese of Oxford, comparing it with the book of Occasional Offices issued for use in the Diocese of Salisbury, and with other books of a similar character.

The Committee extended its work and aimed at providing as well Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for Seasons and Holy Days not provided for in the Prayer Book, and also services for special and important occasions.

While the Committee were preparing material, the Conference of the four Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York published their Proposals for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer (1919, S.P.C.K. No. 517). The Committee were directed to incorporate these proposals in the present work, wherever it was found possible. At the same time the Committee have not ventured to go further than adopt the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels and the Special Prayers suggested by the Conference; they have not, for example, introduced structural alterations into the text of the Liturgy. The object has been simply to supply material for occasions which are commemorated, but not provided for, in the Book of Common

Prayer. In some instances the Committee have followed the principle laid down in the Proposals (§§ 38 and 40) of correcting the text of A.V. from R.V. in certain passages of the Epistles and Gospels.

The Episcopal Offices in the existing Diocesan Book have been reprinted with some slight alterations.

It is unnecessary to point out the need of an authorized book of Special Services or Occasional Offices. I am thankful to be able to give my sanction for the use of this book in the Diocese. It is the duty of the Churchwardens of each parish to provide a copy for the use of the Incumbent, which should be entered in the Inventory of each parish church and kept among the necessary books. I must also point out that any special services not included in this Book require to be sanctioned by the Ordinary in each church where it is desired to use them.

The offices in Eck's *Parochial Office Book* (Mowbray) are hereby sanctioned.

They consist of the following:

For a Communicants' Meeting.
For a Parochial Guild.
For Admission into a Parochial Guild.[1]
For the Admission of a Chorister.[1]
For a Missionary Guild or Meeting.
For a Meeting of Church Workers.
Parochial Litany.
Scheme of Daily Intercession for the Church.
Another Form of Preparation for Holy Communion.

There may be other Parochial Offices which have been already sanctioned or which it may be desired to use. Mr. Eck's book is noticed merely for the purpose

[1] These services may be adapted to suit "admissions" to Parochial Offices of various kinds.

of saying that it may be used without further application to the Bishop.

It is not necessary to obtain my sanction for Non-liturgical services, in which no set form is used, such as Prayer Meetings, Mission Services, Services of Intercession, the "Three Hours' Service," provided such services are in accord with the standard of the Prayer Book. Such services should be conducted elsewhere than in the chancel, and may be conducted without a surplice.

HUBERT M. OXON:

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I.

COLLECTS, EPISTLES, AND GOSPELS

A. FOR SEASONS

1

CHRISTMAS

AT MIDNIGHT OR A VERY EARLY SERVICE

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who hast caused this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the Light of life; Grant, we beseech thee, that as we have known the revelation of his light upon earth, so we may attain the fruition of his joys in heaven; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Titus ii. 11.

FOR the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. i. 18.

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

AT THE SECOND CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle and Gospel may be as is before appointed, or as in the Book of Common Prayer.

2

THE CIRCUMCISION

AN ADDITIONAL COLLECT FOR THE NEW YEAR

O ETERNAL Lord God, who hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year, pardon, we humbly pray thee, our transgressions in the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. ii. 11.

REMEMBER, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke ii. 15 (as in the Book of Common Prayer).

3

THE DAYS BETWEEN THE CIRCUMCISION AND THE EPIPHANY

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *St. John* iv. 9.

IN this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

THE GOSPEL

St. John i. 14.

AND the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

4

EASTERTIDE

AT THE FIRST CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Heb. xiii. 20.

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

St. Mark xvi. 1.

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint

him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

AN ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily unto sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AN ALTERNATIVE EPISTLE

1 *Cor.* v. 6.

YOUR glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

AN ALTERNATIVE GOSPEL

St. Mark xvi. 1.

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

5

THE ROGATION DAYS

FIRST DAY: INTERCESSION FOR CROPS AND INDUSTRIES

THE COLLECT

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to them that seek first thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech thee, such seasonable weather, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A SECOND COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY Father, who through thy Son Jesus Christ hast consecrated labour to the welfare of mankind; Prosper, we pray thee, the industries of this land; bless all those who are engaged therein; shield them in all their dangers and temptations; and grant that receiving the due fruits of their labours, they may praise thee by living according to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Isa. lv. 6.

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke xi. 5.

AND he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the

door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

SECOND DAY: INTERCESSION FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTENDOM

THE COLLECT

O LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto all Christian people that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. iv. 1.

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xvi. 20.

JESUS said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

THIRD DAY: INTERCESSION FOR THE HARVEST OF SOULS

THE COLLECT

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through him; Pour thy Spirit upon thy Church that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Rom. x. 9.

IF thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;

and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

THE GOSPEL

St. John iv. 31.

IN the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in thine image, are ignorant of thy love, and, according to the propitiation of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of thy holy

Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship thee; through him whom thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6

WHITSUNTIDE

DAYS WITHIN THE WEEK AFTER WHITSUN DAY

AN ALTERNATIVE EPISTLE

1 *Cor.* xii. 4.

NOW there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

AN ALTERNATIVE GOSPEL

St. John xvi. 7.

JESUS said, It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin,

because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

7

THE EMBER DAYS

(Except in Whitsun Week)

THE COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this,

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve

before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. iv. 7.

BUT unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

THE GOSPEL

St. John x. 1.

JESUS said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own

sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

A FULLER PROVISION FOR THE EMBER DAYS

ADVENT

THE COLLECT

to be used after the Collect for the Sunday

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly

beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Rom. xiii. 8.

OWE no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

THE GOSPEL

St. Mark iii. 13.

AND he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: and Simon he surnamed Peter; and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphæus, and Thaddæus, and Simon the Cananæan, and Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him.

LENT

THE COLLECT (*as before*)

THE EPISTLE

2 Cor. vi. 1.

WE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also, that ye receive not the grace of God in vain; (for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation;) giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. ix. 36.

BUT when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest

truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

WHITSUNTIDE

THE COLLECT (*as before*)

to be used after the Collect for the Sunday

THE EPISTLE

Eph. iv. 4.

THERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xxi. 15.

SO when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter

was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

SEPTEMBER

THE COLLECT (*as before*)

FOR THE EPISTLE

Acts xx. 28.

TAKE heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

THE GOSPEL

St. John x. 11.

I AM the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the

sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

8

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

THE COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son by his presence hallowed the feast of the dedication of the temple at Jerusalem; Send down upon us thy heavenly blessing; and because holiness becometh thine house for ever, sanctify us, we beseech thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *St. Pet.* ii. 1.

WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Or, on days within the Octave,

FOR THE EPISTLE

Rev. xxi. 2.

AND I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxi. 12.

AND Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

A SECOND COLLECT TO BE USED AFTER THE FORMER, OR BEFORE THE BLESSING

O HOLY and eternal God, who art to be praised for evermore in the congregation of the saints; We yield thee hearty thanks for our founders and benefactors, through whose liberality we are enabled to worship thee in this holy place; and we pray thee so to assist us, who are alive this day, that we may follow the steps of those who have lived and served thee here, and have gone before in the confession of thy Name, and with them may enter into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A PRAYER WHICH MAY ALSO BE USED

ALMIGHTY God, whom year by year we praise for the dedication of this church; enable us, we beseech thee, to worship thee here in spirit and in truth; that with all thy saints, both living and departed, we may adore thee continually, and find grace to help us in time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

B. FOR HOLY-DAYS

1

THE TRANSFIGURATION

AUGUST 6

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose blessed Son was revealed to the three Apostles when he was transfigured on the holy mount, and in the excellent glory spake with Moses and Elijah of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem; Grant to us thy servants that though now we see him not, yet in faith beholding the light of his countenance, we may be strengthened to bear the cross; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *St. John* iii. 1.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

THE GOSPEL

St. Mark ix. 2.

AND after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias

with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O GOD, who before the passion of thine only-begotten Son didst manifestly shew forth his glory upon the mount of Transfiguration; Grant to us thy servants, that rejoicing in the contemplation of his Godhead, we may see in him both the end of the law and the fulfilment of prophecy; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

2

THE NAME OF JESUS

AUGUST 7

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who didst appoint thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and didst command his Name to be called Jesus; Mercifully grant that as we venerate his holy Name upon earth, we may come to the sight of his face in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Acts iv. 8.

THEN Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made

whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. i. 20.

BUT while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

3

HOLY CROSS DAY

SEPTEMBER 14

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who hast deigned to redeem mankind with the precious blood of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ; Mercifully grant that we, who desire to glory in his cross, may be freed from the bands of those sins which were the cause of his passion; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Gal. vi. 14.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xii. 31.

NOW is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

4

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DECEMBER 8

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who from the beginning didst foreordain the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the Mother of the Saviour of mankind; Grant that we, having in

remembrance her exceeding faith and love, may in all things seek to do thy will, and evermore rejoice in thy salvation ; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. i. 3.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke i. 34.

THEN said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord ; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

5

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SEPTEMBER 8

THE COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst endue with singular grace the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to hallow our bodies in chastity, and our souls in humility and love; through the same thy Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Gen. iii. 9.

AND the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke xi. 27.

AND it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that

bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

6

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

JULY 2

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who didst move the most holy Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elisabeth, to the comfort of them both; Grant that we, who rejoice that she was this day called the Mother of our Lord, may stedfastly believe that he truly took our flesh, who is thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Isa. xi. 1.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke i. 39.

AND Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

7

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

JULY 22

THE COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did call and sanctify Mary Magdalene to be a witness to his resurrection; Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve thee in the power of his endless life, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

2 *Cor.* v. 14.

THE love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto

him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xx. 11.

BUT Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

8

NATIONAL SAINTS

(1) *ST. GEORGE April 23*

THE COLLECT

VISIT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with thy loving-kindness, and grant that the people of this land, after the example of thy servant Saint George, may boldly confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue thy faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end; through the merits of the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. vi. 10.

FINALLY, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xvi. 24.

THEN said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

(2) *ST. COLUMBA June 9*

(3) *ST. PATRICK March 17*

(4) *ST. DAVID March 1*

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who by the preaching of thy blessed servant Saint *N.* didst cause the light of the Gospel to shine in this our land (*or* in these islands); Grant, we beseech thee, that having his life and labours in remembrance, we may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *Thess.* ii. 2.

WE were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome,

as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxviii. 16.

THEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

9

LOCAL SAINTS

(1) *ST. BIRINUS December 3*

THE COLLECT

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace on all who go to other lands, publishing the word of salvation; that following the patient labours of thy

servant Birinus, who brought to us the Gospel from beyond the sea, they may gather many believers into the fold of thy holy Church ; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Rom. x. 12.

FOR there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek : for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed ? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard ? and how shall they hear without a preacher ? and how shall they preach, except they be sent ? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things ! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report ? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard ? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. v. 13.

YE are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick ; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(2) *ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN* *November 17*

THE COLLECT

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst endow thy servant, Hugh of Lincoln, with a wise and cheerful boldness, and didst teach him to commend the discipline of a holy life to kings and princes; Give us grace always to speak the truth in love, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Ecclus. xlv. 2.

HE made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. He made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxiv. 42.

WATCH therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

(3) *ST. FRIDESWIDE October 19*

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who didst endue the blessed Frideswide with zeal for thy Church and charity towards thy people; Mercifully grant that we, who commemorate her life of holiness and self-denial, may be fruitful in good works, and attain by thy grace to the reward of the poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure in heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Phil. iv. 8.

FINALLY, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxv. 34.

THEN shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

10

OTHER SAINTS

(1) *MARTYRS*

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, by whose grace and power thy holy martyrs triumphed over suffering and death; Inspire us, we beseech thee, with the same faith, that enduring affliction and waxing valiant in fight, we may with them receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

2 *Tim.* ii. 4.

NO man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xvi. 24.

THEN said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world,

and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

¶ *This Epistle and this Gospel shall not be used on a Sunday.*

(2) *CONFESSORS AND DOCTORS*

THE COLLECT

GOD, who hast enlightened thy Church by the example and teaching of thy Confessors and Doctors; Enrich it evermore, we beseech thee, with thy heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses who by their life and doctrine may set forth to all men the truth of thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

2 *Tim.* iv. 1.

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xiv. 23.

JESUS said, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

¶ *This Epistle and this Gospel shall not be used on a Sunday.*

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS TO BE USED BEFORE THE BLESSING

(*a*) For Confessors

ACCEPT, O Lord, our thanksgiving this day for thy holy servant *N.*, and grant unto us the like unswerving constancy, that so we may witness a good confession and obtain the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*b*) For Doctors

ACCEPT, O Lord, our thanksgiving this day for thy servant *N.*, who in his life bore faithful witness to the truth; and humbly we beseech thee to raise up in every generation wise and holy teachers to bring

forth out of their treasure things both new and old; that thy Church may ever increase in the knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(3) *BISHOPS*

THE COLLECT

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy servant *N.* with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; Grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false teachers, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Heb. v. 1.

FOR every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke xii. 41.

THEN Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; the lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

¶ *In the Paschal season the Gospel for Bishops, Doctors, and Martyrs is St. John* xv. 1.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men

gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(4) *ABBOTS*

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Father, of whom every family in heaven and earth is named, we give thee hearty thanks for thy servant *N.*; and we pray thee to send down upon all religious communities within thy holy Church the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Rom. xii. 6.

HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke xii. 32.

FEAR not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not,

where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(5) *VIRGINS*

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who didst endue thy holy Virgins with grace to witness a good confession and to suffer gladly for thy sake; Grant that we, after their example, may be found ready when the Bridegroom cometh, and enter in with him to the marriage feast; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Phil. iv. 8.

FINALLY, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xiii. 44.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

(6) *HOLY WOMEN*

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who hast built up thy Church through the divers gifts and graces of thy saints, we give thee humble thanks for all good women (especially this

day for thy servant *N.*); Help us, we beseech thee, to follow in their steps, and fill our hearts with love of thee, and of others for thy sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Prov. xxxi. 10.

WHO can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke viii. 1.

AND it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

11

ANY SAINT

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who glorify thee in thy saints may be moved, by their good example, so to order our lives that with them we may attain to the joy of the life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Epistle and Gospel as on All Saints' Day, except that the Epistle shall begin at v. 9,* After this I beheld.

C. FOR SEVERAL OCCASIONS

1

THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

¶ *When the Harvest thanksgiving is offered on a Sunday or Holy-day the services as a whole shall be those appointed for the Day; but* (1) *the Harvest Collect shall be used after the Collect for the Day, and the other special prayers inserted as directed; and* (2) *if there be two or more celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, the Harvest Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used at one of them, the Collect for the Day being said after the Harvest Collect; and* (3) *at Mattins or Evensong the Lessons may be for the Harvest instead of those for the Day, at the discretion of the Minister.*

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season; We yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties; beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Phil. iv. 11.

I HAVE learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me

THE GOSPEL

St. John iv. 31.

IN the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O LORD God Almighty, the Creator and Father of all, we yield thee hearty thanks that thou hast ordained for mankind both seed-time and harvest, and dost now bestow upon us thy children the fruits of the earth in their season. For these and all other thy mercies we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

See further, pp. 70–72.

2

DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS OVERSEAS

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh; Grant that all the peoples of the world may feel

after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. ii. 11.

WHEREFORE remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxviii. 16.

THEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but

some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through him; Pour thy Spirit upon thy Church that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into thy harvest; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

See further, pp. 72–76.

¶ *For the appointed Day of Missionary Intercession, the Vigil of St. Andrew, or any day of the week in which the Feast of St. Andrew falls, the above Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used. But the special Lessons, Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Sunday, and St. Andrew's Day, shall always be those appointed in the Prayer Book.*

3

COMMEMORATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion; Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive

within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *Cor.* xi. 23.

FOR I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgement unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

THE GOSPEL

St. John vi. 53.

THEN Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

4

AT A MARRIAGE

THE COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

Eph. v. 20.

GIVE thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let

every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xix. 4.

JESUS said, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O HEAVENLY Father who didst join together in marriage our first parents, Adam and Eve; Sanctify and bless these thy servants; and grant that those whom thou by matrimony dost make one, may stedfastly keep the covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5

AT A BURIAL

THE COLLECT

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection of the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight;

and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Or this,

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *Thess.* iv. 13.

BUT I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

THE GOSPEL

St. John vi. 37.

JESUS said, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to

do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Or,

St. John v. 24.

JESUS said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgement.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother,* into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, which was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilement it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being

purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER WHICH MAY ALSO BE USED

O HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus his friend, look, we beseech thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in thy fatherly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

THE INTROIT

Antiphon. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest: and let everlasting light shine upon them.

Psalm lxv. 1, 2.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

Repeat the Antiphon.

THE COLLECT

O GOD, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers, grant to the souls of the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Rev. xxi. 3.

AND I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

THE GRADUAL

Antiphon. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

Repeat the Antiphon.

Or,

Dies irae, i.e. Hymn 351 (*E.H.*), 398 (*A. & M.*); or (in shorter form) Hymn 487 (*E.H.*), 206 (*A. & M.*).

THE GOSPEL

St. John v. 21.

AS the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath com-

mitted all judgement unto the Son: that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement; but is passed from death unto life.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at the last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE GREAT WAR

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give thee humble thanks for the memory and good example of thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We bless thee for their courage and devotion; accept their sacrifice, we pray thee; let it not be in vain that they have died in the cause of righteousness and honour. And as they have come out of great tribulation, grant them, O Lord, that they may be pardoned and cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and received into thy everlasting mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

7

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE COLLECT

GOD, who dost teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

1 *Cor.* xii. 4.

NOW there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

THE GOSPEL

St. John xiv. 15.

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even

the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

8

IN TIME OF WAR

THE COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of victory; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Isa. xxvi. 1.

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he

trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: for he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. Yea, in the way of thy judgements, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

THE GOSPEL

St. Mark xi. 22.

JESUS answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

BEFORE THE BLESSING

O ALMIGHTY Lord, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in thee; Be now and evermore our defence; give victory to the forces of the King; look in pity upon the wounded and the prisoners; cheer the anxious; comfort the bereaved; succour the dying; have mercy on the fallen; and hasten the time when war shall cease in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

9

IN ANY NECESSITY

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE

St. James i. 2.

COUNT it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

THE GOSPEL

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II.

PROPER PSALMS

1. FOR HOLY DAYS

Christmas—(1st E.) 2, 113.

Epiphany—(1st E.) 19, 96; (M.) 72; (E.) 87, 100.

Holy Week:

Monday—(M.) 6, 32; (E.) 42, 43.

Tuesday—(M.) 51; (E.) 102.

Wednesday—(M.) 139; (E.) 140, 141.

Thursday—(M.) 63, 116; (E.) 142, 143, *vv.* 1–11.

Easter Even—(M.) 16, 17; (E.) 4, 34.

Easter Monday—(M.) 30, 98; (E.) 99, 100.

Easter Tuesday—(M.) 116, 117; (E.) 148, 150.

Ascension Day—(1st E.) 93, 97.
The Proper Psalms for Ascension Day may be used for the Sunday following, except 108; *for which substitute* 110.

Whit Sunday—(1st E.) 33, 36.

Whit Monday—(M.) 19, 46; (E.) 119, *vv.* 89–112.

Whit Tuesday—(M.) 103; (E.) 119, *vv.* 121–144.

Trinity Sunday—(M.) 96, 97; (E.) 148, 149, 150.

Michaelmas—(M.) 34, 91; (E.) 103, 148.

Saints' Days—(M.) 112, 113; (E.) 16, 116.

2. FOR SEVERAL OCCASIONS

Harvest Thanksgiving—(M.) 65, 126; (E.) 104.

Dedication Festival—(1st E.) 118; (M.) 24, 48; (E.) 84, 122, 134.
These may be used for the Sunday of the Dedication Festival.

Rogation Procession—120–134, *all or any.*

Missionary Festival—(M.) 47, 67; (E.) 72, 87.

Times of Penitence—32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143, *vv.* 1–11.

Times of Thanksgiving—46, 107, 118, 145, 148, 150.

Commemoration Days—133, 134, *or* 145, 146, 147.

School Feast—148.

Church Workers' Service—121, 122, 126.

SPECIAL SUNDAY PSALMS

The following Psalms may be used in place of the Psalms for the day at the discretion of the Minister :—

1st	selection	Ps.	3, 5, 19 - - -	A morning selection.
2nd	,,	,,	4, 31 (1–6), 91, 134 -	An evening selection.
3rd	,,	,,	43, 84, 100, 122 -	Worship.
4th	,,	,,	33, 65 - - -	Praise.
5th	,,	,,	138, 145, 150 - -	,,
6th	,,	,,	146, 148, 150 - -	,,
7th	,,	,,	30, 111, 115 - -	Thanksgiving.
8th	,,	,,	107 - - - -	,,
9th	,,	,,	6, 38 - - -	Penitence.
10th	,,	,,	32, 51, 130 - -	,,
11th	,,	,,	102, 143 - - -	,,
12th	,,	,,	26, 27, 63 (1–8) -	Prayer.
13th	,,	,,	23, 91, 121, 125 -	Trust in God.
14th	,,	,,	34, 42 - - -	,, ,, ,,
15th	,,	,,	25, 46, 90 - -	Times of trouble or anxiety
16th	,,	,,	77, 86 - - -	,, ,, ,,
17th	,,	,,	48, 133, 147 - -	The Church of God.
18th	,,	,,	2, 72 - - -	The extension of God's Kingdom.
19th	,,	,,	47, 67, 87, 96 - -	The extension of God's Kingdom.
20th	,,	,,	49, 73 - - -	Hope of Future Life.
21st	,,	,,	1, 15, 101, 112 - -	Blessedness of the godly.

These Psalms must not be used on those days for which proper Psalms are appointed.

III.

A TABLE TO REGULATE THE SERVICE WHEN TWO FEASTS OR HOLY-DAYS FALL UPON THE SAME DAY

When two Feasts or Holy-days fall upon the same day then shall be said the whole Service proper to the day named in the left-hand column of the following Table; and the Service for the day in the right-hand column shall either be transferred as therein directed, or be altogether pretermitted for that year.

First Sunday in Advent.	St. Andrew, transferred to Monday.
Fourth Sunday in Advent.	St. Thomas, transferred to Monday.
St. Stephen, St. John Evangelist, Innocents' Day, Circumcision.	First Sunday after Christmas.
Epiphany.	Second Sunday after Christmas.
*Conversion of St. Paul.	Third Sunday after Epiphany.
*Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima.
Septuagesima and Sexagesima.	Conversion of St. Paul, transferred to Monday.
Sexagesima, Quinquagesima, Ash Wednesday, Sundays in Lent.	St. Matthias, transferred to next day.

* The Collect of the Sunday will follow that of the day.

Third, fourth, and fifth Sundays in Lent.	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred to Monday following.
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday next before Easter, Good Friday, Easter Eve, Easter Day, Easter Monday and Tuesday.	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred to Tuesday after first Sunday after Easter.
Easter Day and seven days after.	St. Mark, St. Philip and St. James, transferred to Tuesday after first Sunday after Easter.
*St. Mark, *St. Philip and St. James.	Second, third, fourth and fifth Sundays after Easter.
Ascension Day.	St. Philip and St. James, transferred to Friday.
Whit Sunday to Trinity Sunday.	St. Barnabas, transferred to Tuesday after Trinity Sunday.
*St. Barnabas and all other Holy-days till All Saints' Day inclusive.	Sundays after Trinity.

*The Collect of the Sunday will follow that of the day.

IV.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

1

THE ROGATION PROCESSION

¶ *The details of this service must necessarily vary with the character of the parish, and the distance to be traversed. The central object is the blessing of the crops, which may be done at more than one spot. The procession should start from the Church, and return thither, but the number of halts, or stations, will be less or more according to circumstances. The Psalms and Litany are said or sung on the way, as occasion may serve. They may be supplemented by appropriate hymns.*

(1) *IN CHURCH BEFORE STARTING*

Priest. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Psalm xliv. 1.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Antiphon. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

THE COLLECT

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Short address explanatory of the service following.*)

(2) *THE PROCESSION*

Any of the psalms following: 8, 65, 66, 67, 68, 95, 96, 100; or the canticle *Benedicite omnia opera*; or, on the way back to the church, any of the Psalms of Degrees, viz. 120 to 134.

THE LITANY, in whole or in part, adding any petitions which may seem appropriate, but not going beyond the lesser Litany at the end of the intercessions; or any well-known Hymns.

(3) *THE STATIONS*

Any of the following scriptures may be read:

Isaiah lv. 6–12.
St. Matthew vi. 25–end.
,, xiii. 1–9, 18–23.
,, xiii. 24–30 and 36–43.
St. John iv. 31–38.
Gal. v. 16, 17 and 19–26.
2 Cor. ix. 6–end.

Any of the following prayers as occasion suggests:

Prayer for rain, fair weather, use in time of dearth, war, plague, from the Book of Common Prayer.

Either with or without one or more of the collects following:

The Collect for 4th Sunday in Advent.
,, ,, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Sundays after Epiphany.
,, ,, Septuagesima or Sexagesima.
,, ,, 3rd Sunday in Lent.
,, ,, 5th Sunday after Easter.
,, ,, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 23rd, 24th Sundays after Trinity.

And at each station this prayer and blessing:

O ALMIGHTY God, who, in thine unfailing providence, givest food to all flesh; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless the seed sown in our fields; and grant that, having received thy good gifts in due season, we may ever with thankful hearts offer up our praises unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

NOW he that ministereth seed to the sower and bread to the eater, minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. *Amen.*

(4) *AFTER THE RETURN TO THE CHURCH*

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
We have sinned with our fathers.
We have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
O Lord, deal not with us after our sins,
Neither reward us after our wickedness.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And thy saints sing with joyfulness.
O Lord, save thy servants and thy handmaids,
Who put their trust in thee.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O FATHER in heaven, who from the beginning of creation hast in thy bounty prepared the earth as a storehouse and treasury for the service of man; We humbly beseech thee to continue forth to us in the coming weeks that lovingkindness which hath been ever of old; for unto thee alone we look for the supply of all our needs. Prosper with abundant increase the seed which we commit to the soil; preserve it from all harm, and ripen it for a joyful harvest of safe ingathering. Bless the labours of all thy servants who till the ground; and fill with thankfulness the hearts of all them that shall be partakers of thy good gifts, feeding them above all with the true Bread from heaven, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom thou givest us all things richly to enjoy; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and glory. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be upon your fields and gardens,
upon your homes, yourselves, and your families,
now and for evermore. *Amen.*

2

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

¶ *When the Harvest Thanksgiving is offered on a Sunday or Holy-day the services as a whole shall be those appointed for the Day; but* (1) *the Harvest Collect shall be used after the Collect for the Day, and the other special prayers inserted as directed; and* (2) *if there be two or more celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, the Harvest Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used at one of them, the Collect for the Day being said after the Harvest Collect; and* (3) *at Mattins or Evensong the Lessons may be for the Harvest instead of those for the Day, at the discretion of the Minister.*

AT MATTINS

PSALMS: 65, 126.

LESSONS: *Deut.* xxvi. 1–11.
St. Matt. xiii. 24–30, 36–43;
or 2 *Cor.* ix. 6–11.

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season, we yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties; beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT HOLY COMMUNION

See p. 46.

AT EVENSONG

PSALM: 104.

LESSONS: *Joel* ii. 21–27.
St. John vi. 25–35;
or *Gal.* v. 22–vi. 10.

THE COLLECT (*as above*)

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

to be used at the discretion of the Minister at Harvest Time.

(1) FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE HARVEST

O LORD God Almighty, the Creator and Father of all, we yield thee hearty thanks that thou hast ordained for mankind both seed-time and harvest, and dost now bestow upon us thy children the fruits of the earth in their season. For these and all other thy mercies we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

(2) FOR MISSIONS

Let us pray for the Missions of the Church

Pray ye the Lord of the harvest:
That he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through him; Pour thy Spirit upon thy Church that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) FOR HOSPITALS

Let us pray for God's blessing on all hospitals and infirmaries.

Himself took our infirmities:
And bare our sicknesses.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people; continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals and infirmaries of our land; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who endeavour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3

INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS OVERSEAS

(*A*) ON THE DAY OF INTERCESSION AT ST. ANDREW'S-TIDE, OR AT OTHER TIMES

AT MATTINS

PSALMS: 2, 19, 96.

LESSONS: *Isa.* xlix. 1–6.
St. John iv. 31–42.

THE COLLECT

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach

peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh; Grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT HOLY COMMUNION

See p. 47.

AT EVENSONG

PSALMS: 72, 108, 115.

LESSONS: *Isa.* lxi.
Acts xvii. 16–31.

THE COLLECT (*as above*)

¶ *For the appointed Day of Missionary Intercession, the Vigil of St. Andrew, or any day of the week in which the Feast of St. Andrew falls, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel as given on pp.* 47–49 *may be used. But the special Lessons, Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Sunday, and St. Andrew's Day, shall always be those appointed in the Prayer Book.*

Prayers, any of which may be used instead of the State Prayers at Mattins or Evensong.

FOR THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE SPREAD OF THE CHURCH

ENLARGE thy kingdom, O God, and deliver the world from the dominion and tyranny of Satan. Hasten the time, which thy Spirit hath foretold, when all nations whom thou hast made shall worship thee and glorify thy Name. Bless the good endeavours of those who strive to propagate the truth, and prepare the hearts of all men to receive it; to the honour of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS

BE mindful, O holy Lord God, of thine ancient people, whom thou didst choose to guard and witness for thy truth, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came. Take away the veil that is upon their hearts; reveal to them the things which belong unto their peace; and grant that, seeking faithfully to do thy will, they may find him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, even the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE MOHAMMEDANS

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker and Father of all men; Regard not our sins, but remember the souls whom thou hast made, and reveal to the Moslems thy fatherly love; that they may know thee truly through the revelation of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, three Persons in one only God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE HEATHEN

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who didst give thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ to be a propitiation for the sins of the whole world; We humbly beseech thee that thou wilt make him known in the fulness of his redeeming love and power. Have mercy on all who are walking in darkness and ignorance of thee; cause the light of the Gospel to shine upon

them, and pour forth on them richly thy converting grace, that all the ends of the world may see thy salvation ; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR MISSIONARIES IN DISTANT LANDS

O GOD our Saviour, who willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, prosper, we pray thee, our brethren who labour in distant lands (especially *those* for whom our prayers are desired). Protect them in all perils by land and sea ; support them in loneliness and in the hour of trial ; give them grace to bear faithful witness unto thee ; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness, and finally obtain a crown of glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech thee, the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, and all, whether at home or abroad, who are labouring therein. Let thy Holy Spirit teach, comfort, and strengthen us, so that we may glorify thee and help forward the salvation of others ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE OXFORD MISSION TO CALCUTTA

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst call the Gentiles to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising, hear our prayers, we beseech thee, for the conversion of India to thy holy Faith, and grant thy blessing to all who are working there for thee.

Let thy grace in fullest measure rest upon our brethren and sisters of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, that many souls may be by them won over to the faith of thy holy Church.

And to all of us at home vouchsafe the spirit of prayer and self-denial, that many more labourers may

go forth to gather in the harvest of the souls for whom thou hast died; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FOR OUR BRETHREN ABROAD

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, our brethren who are dwelling overseas in distant lands; protect them from the dangers which surround them, and supply them with the means of grace. Make them stedfast in thy ways, pure and holy in their lives. Preserve them from the sin of offending thy little ones which believe in thee, and from causing thy word to be blasphemed among the heathen. Grant that they may shine as lights in the world, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE CHURCHES OF THE EAST

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast revealed to us that thy Church is one Body in thy Son Jesus Christ, we beseech thee to succour the ancient churches of the East. Heal their divisions, quicken them with new life, give them courage in the midst of persecution, and build them up in our most holy faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE CONSUMMATION OF THE END

O GOD our Father, who hast made known to us the mystery of thy will to sum up all things in Christ; Accomplish, we pray thee, thy good pleasure to reconcile all things unto thyself through the blood of his cross; and as thou hast raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at thy right hand in the heavenly places, so vouchsafe to grant that all men may find peace and salvation through the power of his grace, and have access in one Spirit unto thee, the Father of us all.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; to thee be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

(*B*) LITANY OF INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O GOD the Father, who hast made of one blood all the nations of the earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, who hast redeemed all mankind from the power of darkness,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, who didst move upon the face of the waters, Giver of life and light, by whom the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,
Have mercy upon us.

O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons in one God, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier,
Have mercy upon us.

Our past unfaithfulness,
O Lord, forgive.

Our neglect of opportunities,
O Lord, forgive.

Our deafness to thy calls,
O Lord, forgive.

Our slothfulness and want of zeal.
O Lord, forgive.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,
Jesu, hear and save.

By the offering of thy sacrifice upon the cross,
Jesu, hear and save.

By the presentation of that sacrifice in heaven,
Jesu, hear and save.

By thy gift of the Holy Ghost to thine Apostles,
Jesu, hear and save.

By thine ever-abiding presence with thy Church,
Jesu, hear and save.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, that it may please thee to bless thy holy Church, which thou hast purchased with thy most precious Blood,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to grant us that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That thou wouldest heal all dissensions among Christians, which hinder the spread of thy Gospel,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That thou wouldest quicken the energies of thy Church in this land,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That thou wouldest make all Christians truly Catholic in faith and love,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That thou wouldest call devout and able men among us to the work of the ministry,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

For all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That according to primitive order and godly discipline, they may rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments,
Hear us, we beseech thee.

For all missionary bishops, for . . . for all missionary priests, deacons, and catechists, especially for . . .
Hear us, we beseech thee.

That thou wouldest increase the number of apostolic labourers, and grant them the abundance of thy blessing,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That by them thy holy Name may be glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to sanctify all those who preach to others, that their own souls may be saved in the day of thine appearing,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to keep alive in their hearts the fire of divine love and all Christian graces,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to give them an earnest love of souls, wisdom to win them, diligence to keep them, and undying zeal for their perfection,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to enlighten their understanding, giving them aptness to teach, and power to convince the gainsayers,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to grant them the gift of languages for making known thy truth,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to supply their necessities, and to preserve them in all dangers, both of body and soul,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to pardon the sins of Christians in heathen lands, and to make them examples of holy living to those among whom they dwell,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to convert the Mohammedans, Buddhists, Hindoos, and all heathens, and to gather into thy fold thy ancient people, the Jews,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That by the power of thy good Spirit, they may be brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to confirm and strengthen with the fulness of thy grace all converts to the faith, giving them perseverance unto the end,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

That it may please thee to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom,

Hear us, we beseech thee.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens;
And thy glory above all the earth.

Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance;
And the utmost parts of the earth for his possession.

Let all nations whom thou hast made;
Come and worship thee, O Lord.

Let thy Name be great among the heathen, O Lord of hosts;
And in every place let incense be offered to thy Name, and a pure offering.

The Lord's Name be praised;
From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

FOR MISSIONS

Not by might nor by power:
But by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Let us pray.

O GREAT Lord of the harvest, send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into the harvest of the world, that the grain which is even now ripe may not fall and perish through our neglect. Pour forth thy sanctifying Spirit on our fellow Christians abroad, and thy converting grace on the heathen.

Raise up, we beseech thee, a devout ministry among the native believers, that, all thy people being knit together in one body in love, thy holy Church may grow up into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; through him who died and rose again for us all, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE JEWS

Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence and give him no rest:

Till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the God of Abraham, look upon thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity of Judah and of Israel to return. They are thy people, O be thou their Saviour, that all who love Jerusalem and mourn for her may rejoice with her; for Jesus Christ's sake, their Saviour and ours. *Amen.*

FOR THE HEATHEN

It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel:

I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Let us pray.

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in thine image, are ignorant of thy love; and, according to the propitiation of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship thee; through him whom thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast warned us that thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we, whose lot thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly, by prayer, by almsgiving, by fasting, and by every other appointed means, to extend the blessings of thy kingdom, and, as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that, in their turn, other men may enter into ours, to thy glory and the fulfilling of thy holy will, who hast given to each one of us his charge to occupy till thou comest; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

May the almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

Amen.

May our Lord, of his mercy, grant unto us, with all the faithful, rest and peace.

Amen.

4

A LITANY OF INTERCESSION FOR THE DIOCESE

Let us pray for the increase of the kingdom of God in our land, and especially in this diocese.

O GOD the Father, of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our past unfaithfulness, our lack of service, our indifference to the spread of thy kingdom and to the needs of those who dwell around us;
Spare us, good Lord.

From slothfulness and selfishness; from carelessness in prayer; from neglect of thy holy Word; from neglect of thy holy Sacraments; from disobedience to thy holy will; from falling back from grace,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy coming to seek and to save mankind; by thy holy Incarnation; by thy Cross and Passion,
Incline our hearts to do thy will.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,
Incline our hearts to do thy will.

By thy continual intercession; by thine ever-abiding presence with thy Church,
Incline our hearts to do thy will.

I. FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to thy Church that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to order the course of this world, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; that they may set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

II. FOR THE DIOCESE

That it may please thee to pour thine abundant blessing upon *N.*, Bishop of this diocese; that he may be guided and guarded day by day in serving those who are committed to his charge;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless *N.*, Bishop-Suffragan of Buckingham, the Archdeacons, and Rural Deans; that they may faithfully and wisely assist the bishop in the administration of this diocese;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee, at this time, to guide and direct all those who are working to bring about the more effective administration of this large diocese;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to pour forth the heavenly dew of thy blessing upon the clergy of this diocese, that they may be true ministers of thy Word and faithful stewards of thy holy Mysteries;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all church workers, both men and women, and to give them grace to seek thy glory, and an earnest zeal for the souls of men ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to call to the work of the ministry men full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and to endue them with the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all those who are engaged in training candidates for the ministry in universities and theological colleges ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and prosper all undertakings for thy glory, and for the extension and edifying of thy Church ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all who labour in the towns of this diocese ; that they may have wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength to deal with the difficulties of their charge ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless those who are called to the care of country parishes ; that they may be faithful and true pastors ; and that they may be comforted and directed in the special trials and dangers of their life and ministry ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to guide and prosper the work of the mission clergy and lay evangelists, and to give them the gifts of wisdom and humility and a fervent love of souls ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to prosper the effort to extend the work of the Church by the building of churches, and by the employment of additional clergy throughout the diocese ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant patience and wisdom, love and firmness to those who are teachers of the young in all schools in the diocese;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to stir up the hearts of parents to dedicate their children to thy service;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant reverence and holy fear to all those who summon thy people to worship; to those who lead the praises of the people; and to all who minister in and about thy sanctuary;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all parochial efforts to help young men and women to remain stedfast in the faith;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to extend the influence and work of the men of thy Church; that every man may realize his own gift from God, and may learn to minister the same for thy glory and for the good of others;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all efforts to uphold the sanctity of marriage, and to awaken in the hearts of all mothers a sense of their responsibility;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless the work of promoting temperance, soberness, and chastity amongst men and women; and to prosper all efforts to raise up those who fall;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give wisdom and tender love for souls to all those who are engaged in rescue and preventive work amongst women;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all those who visit the poor and afflicted, and to guide and sustain those who tend the sick and dying;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to awaken in the hearts of all communicants a deep sense of reverence, and a true spirit of brotherly love ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to those who have been confirmed the grace of perseverance, and a true sense of their membership of the Church ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that our children may grow up as faithful and loving children of thee and of thy Church ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to us all a ready will to extend to others the blessings which we so richly enjoy ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to move the hearts of thy people to give of their substance willingly and regularly for the necessary purposes of religion ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

III. SPECIAL HOME MISSION WORK

That it may please thee to grant thine abundant blessing to all those who are called to labour in great cities, in seaport towns, and in large centres of population ; that they may seek for thy wandering sheep with fresh zeal and love ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant them a right judgement in dealing with the social and moral problems of their parishes ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have compassion upon those who are living in wilful sin and godlessness, and to turn their hearts ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to enlighten the understanding, and to stir up the wills of all those who fail to support the missionary efforts of thy Church,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that the increase of thy kingdom in our own land may be accompanied by greater zeal for the extension of thy kingdom among the heathen abroad;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

The first and second Collects for Good Friday, and the Prayer for Unity from the Accession Service, may here be used.

THE GRACE

5

LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST

FOR MEETINGS OF CLERGY AND CHURCH WORKERS

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O GOD the Father, of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, who at the beginning didst move upon the face of the waters,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, by whose inspiration holy men of old spake as they were moved,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, power of the highest, that didst overshadow Mary,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, through whom the holy Child Jesus waxed strong in spirit, and was filled with wisdom,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, who didst descend like a dove, and light upon Christ our Lord at his baptism,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, of whom Jesus was led up into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, eternal Spirit, through whom Christ our Priest and Victim offered himself without spot to God,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, who on the day of Pentecost didst descend upon the Apostles in the likeness of fiery tongues,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, by whom we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, by whom the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, by whom we were new-born in baptism,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, who didst strengthen us with thy sevenfold gifts at confirmation,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, who makest intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Ghost, by whom the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts,
Have mercy upon us.

By thy eternal procession from the Father and the Son,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thy glorious work in the mystery of the Incarnation,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thy lighting as a dove upon Jesus at his baptism,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thy descent in likeness of fire on the day of Pentecost,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thy life-giving power and might,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thine all-powerful intercession,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

By thy continual abiding in the Church,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all sin,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From presumption and despair,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From impenitence and hardness of heart,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all impurity, whether of mind or body, and from all that has ever defiled thy temple in our souls,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From the spirit of thoughtlessness and levity,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From the spirit of covetousness and self-seeking,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From the lust of honour and the pride of life,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From deafness to thy calls and warnings,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From neglect of thy graces and inspirations,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From that sin against thee which has no forgiveness,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

[In our preparation for the work of the ministry,
Help us, O Holy Spirit.

In the solemn hour of Ordination,
Help us, O Holy Spirit.]

[In our dealings with souls committed to our charge,
Help us, O Holy Spirit.]

In success and in failure,
Help us, O Holy Spirit.

In the solemn account that we must one day give,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit, that it may please thee to guide thy holy Church universal into all truth, and to fill it with thy love,
Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may be careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
Help us, O Holy Spirit.

That, as we live in the Spirit, we may also walk in the Spirit,
Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh,
Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may mortify the deeds of the body,
Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That with sincerity of purpose we may aim in all things at God's greater glory,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may in all our thoughts, words, and works be more conformed to the Life and Passion of the Lord Jesus,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

[That we may be gentle, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may ever reverently handle and devoutly receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may be able to shew forth thy light in the world, and be holy examples to the flock of Christ,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may be replenished with thy sevenfold gifts, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of thy most holy fear,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That in our ministry we may not care to please, nor fear to displease, any but him who has called us to his service.

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we count not our lives dear unto us, so that we may finish our course with joy, and the ministry received of the Lord Jesus,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That we may ever be mindful of that solemn account, which, for ourselves and others, we must one day give at the judgement-seat of Christ,

Hear us, O Holy Spirit.]

Holy Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us.

Lord, and Giver of life,
We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lord, who didst descend at Pentecost,
Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost;
He shall teach you all things.

Let us pray.

GOD, who dost teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

6

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Priest, standing, shall say,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us remember humbly before God . . . *N* or *NN.*

Then shall be said or sung,

Antiphon. I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

¶ *The* Gloria Patri *is not said after the Psalms in this service.*

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Psalm xxvii.

THE Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart ; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

At the close of the last psalm the antiphon as before,

I am the Resurrection, etc.

Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest :
And let everlasting light shine upon them.

LESSON

St. John v. 24.

JESUS *said*, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into con-

demnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself, and hath given him authority to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgement.

A hymn or anthem may be sung here, followed (if desired) by an address.

After which the Priest shall say,

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom;

that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

ALMIGHTY, eternal God, to whom there is never any prayer made without hope of mercy; Be merciful to the souls of thy servants departed from this world in the confession of thy Name, that they may be joined to the company of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord,

In the land of the living.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who art the Lord both of the dead and of the living, and in whose mystical Body all the living and departed are joined together; We commend unto thy merciful keeping those who have passed away from us. Grant to them ever an increase of light and of bliss in thy service. Grant that no sin of ours may separate us from the communion which we have with them in thee. Confirm our faith and hope in the Resurrection, and bring us with them to that eternal home where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day:

The night cometh, when no man can work.

GRANT, O Lord, that we may all use this time of work while it is called to-day, remembering gladly and thankfully those who have gone before, who have stood by us and helped us in past days, who

have cheered us by their sympathy and strengthened us by their example; that, when the time of our departure hence shall come, we may rest with them in peace, and with them be found worthy of the resurrection to eternal life, which thou hast promised to thy children; through Jesus Christ, in whose life we live. *Amen.*

A prayer for those in sorrow.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God:
And there shall no torment touch them.

O HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus his friend, look, we beseech thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in thy fatherly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here a hymn or anthem may be sung, if desired.

May the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. *Amen.*

¶ *The Memorial Service is not to be used for any for whom the Burial Service may not be used.*

7

A BLESSING BEFORE A JOURNEY

Priest. Into the way of peace and prosperity may the almighty and merciful Lord direct thee: and may his angel go with thee on thy journey, that thou mayest return to (*or* reach) thy home in peace, safety, and joy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

O Lord, save thy servant.
Who putteth his *trust in thee.*

Send *him* help from thy holy place.
And evermore mightily defend him.

Be unto *him,* O Lord, a tower of strength.
From the face of his *enemy.*

God shall give his angels charge concerning thee.
To keep thee in all thy ways.

O Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our crying come unto thee.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who ever bestowest thy mercy on them that love thee, and unto them that serve thee art always near; Direct the way of this thy servant now departing from us; that, encompassed by the guard of thy holy angels, *he* may accomplish *his* journey

in safety, and constantly remember thine unfailing presence, and at all times seek to do thy will ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And, for one who travels by sea,

O ALMIGHTY God, whose way is in the sea, and whose paths are in the great waters, be present, we beseech thee, with thy servant in the manifold dangers of the deep ; protect *him* from all its perils ; prosper *him* in *his* course ; and bring *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Go forth in peace.
In the Name of the Lord.

8

A SERVICE FOR RINGERS

HYMN, or PSALM cxxii.

CREED

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

One or more of the following prayers may be used:

GRANT, O Lord, that all who ring church bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise thee in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life ; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure ; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom ; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of the bells to thine house of prayer, may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise ; and finally may sing the song of the Lamb in thine house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or other necessity be hindered from coming into the house of the Lord, may by the sound of the bells be reminded of the prayers of thy Church and rejoice in the communion of saints ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world the bells shall ring, may be received into the paradise of thine elect, there to find mercy, light, and everlasting rest ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING

9

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS

(1) FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTENDOM

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren:
To dwell together in unity.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto all Christian people that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(2) FOR THE EXTENSION OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace:
And bring glad tidings of good things.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the power of the Holy Ghost didst enable thine Apostles to teach the nations, and to guide them into all the truth; Quicken, we beseech thee, by the same Spirit the Church of these latter days, that with wisdom and fervent zeal we may preach the Gospel to those who are in error, that thereby they may be brought into the clear light and true knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(3) FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

He healeth those that are broken in heart:
And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

ALMIGHTY Father, giver of life and health, look mercifully, we beseech thee, on the sick and suffering, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. Relieve and comfort them according to their several necessities. Grant that thy fatherly visitation may deepen their repentance and strengthen their faith. Restore them, if it be thy will, to health and perfect soundness, that they may give thanks to thee in thy holy Church for this thy goodness; and so fit and prepare them by thy grace that whensoever thou art pleased to take them hence they may depart in charity with all men, and at peace with thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) A COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God:
They are in peace.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; We beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served thee here and are now at rest, may with them at length enter into the fulness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) FOR THE CONVOCATIONS OF THE CHURCH

Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servants:

And teach them thy statutes.

O LORD God, the Father of lights and Fountain of all wisdom, who in the days of the Apostles didst send thy Holy Spirit to direct the first council of thy Church in Jerusalem; Look mercifully upon us, and so bless the Bishops and Clergy in Convocation assembled, and the Houses of Laymen associated with them, that through their deliberations thy Church may be preserved in the true faith, and in godly discipline; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(6) FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

To be said on the Sunday preceding the meeting, and daily during the session.

O LORD God, the Father of lights and the Fountain of all wisdom, who hast promised through thy Son Jesus Christ to be with thy universal Church to the end of the world; We humbly beseech thee with thy favour to behold the Bishops, Clergy, and People, who are about to assemble and take counsel together (*or* who are now assembled and taking counsel together) in thy Name for this Church. Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may rest upon them, enlighten, and guide them; and that all their consultations may be prospered to the advancement of thy honour and glory, and the welfare of thy Church. Lead them and us into all truth; that so this Church may evermore hold fast and abide in the Apostolic and true Catholic faith, and serve thee without fear in pureness of worship and life, according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

(7) FOR THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

To be said on the Sunday preceding the meeting, and daily during the session.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh wisdom and understanding, be present, we humbly beseech thee, with thy servants about to deliberate (*or* assembled to deliberate) in Conference upon those things that make for the maintenance, well-being, and extension of thy Church in this Diocese; and grant that they, seeking only thy honour and glory, may be guided in all their consultations to perceive the more excellent way, and may have grace and strength to follow the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(8) FOR THE RURIDECANAL CONFERENCE

O LORD God, in whose Name we are gathered together this day; Pour down upon us, we beseech thee, thy sevenfold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us with the spirit of thy holy fear; that with meekness and charity, with prudence and sincerity of purpose, we may take counsel together under the guidance of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, to the increase of faith and the edifying of thy Church. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

(9) FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

O GOD, who hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, we beseech thee to bless this meeting of our council. Vouchsafe to guide us by thy Holy Spirit, that we may both know and do thy will; give us honest and religious hearts; unite us in

brotherly love one towards another ; and fill us with zeal to work together for the benefit of thy Church in this place, and for the advancement of thy kingdom upon earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(10) DURING THE VACANCY OF THE SEE OR OF A PAROCHIAL CHARGE

Endue thy ministers with righteousness :
And make thy chosen people joyful.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a Bishop for this diocese (*or* Rector *or* Vicar for this parish), that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee ; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

(11) FOR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Father which is in heaven :
Shall give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

O GOD, who through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter ; Make ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who at this time are seeking the gift of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of his divine indwelling ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(12) FOR THE PARISH

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us thy servants, and grant unto

this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(13) FOR THE NAVY AND ARMY OF THE KING

Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation:
Thy right hand also shall hold me up.

O LORD God of hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the sailors and soldiers of the King in every peril of sea and land and air; give them victory in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from evil; endue them ever with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing thee who art invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(14) FOR USE AT THE TIME OF AN ELECTION

In all thy ways acknowledge him:
And he shall direct thy paths.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, guide and direct, we humbly beseech thee, the minds of all those who are called at this time to elect fit persons to serve in the Parliament of this nation (*or* the Council of this county, *or* city, *or* town). Grant that in the exercise of their choice they may promote thy glory and the welfare of this people. And to those who shall be elected give, we pray thee, the spirit of wisdom and true godliness. All this we beg for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(15) IN TIME OF INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE

Keep ye judgement and do justice:

For my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

O GOD, who in thy providence hast appointed to every man his work; Remove, we humbly beseech thee, from those who are now at variance, all strife and bitterness; and grant that, seeking only what is just and equal, they may live and work together in brotherly union and concord, to their own well-being, and the prosperity of the realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(16) FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND OTHER PLACES OF LEARNING IN THE DIOCESE

If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God:

That giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not.

O ALMIGHTY God, of whose only gift cometh wisdom and understanding; We beseech thee with thy gracious favour to behold the University of Oxford, and the colleges and schools of this diocese, that knowledge may be increased, and true religion flourish and abound; bless those who teach and those who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may seek unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(17) FOR THE ABSENT

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

From this time forth for evermore.

O GOD, who art everywhere present, look down with thy mercy upon our friends now far from us. Give thy holy angels charge over them, and grant that they may be kept safe in body, soul, and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this,

ALMIGHTY Father, who art present in thy power in every place, give ear in thy loving-kindness to the supplications which we offer unto thee on behalf of our brethren and friends in distant lands; may thy mighty hand shield and protect them from evil; may thy Holy Spirit guide them in the right way; and grant that, being united by our fellowship with thee, we may all at the last be gathered in the home which is above; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(18) FOR TRAVELLERS

The Lord which dwelleth in heaven prosper their journey:

And his angel go with them.

O GOD, who ever bestowest thy mercy on them that love thee, and unto those that serve thee art always near; Direct the way of thy servants that, thou being their protector and guide, they may finish their journey in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(19) AT A MEETING OF THE CLERGY OR OTHER CHURCH WORKERS

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to do the work to which thou hast called us with reverence and godly fear; not with eye-service as pleasers of men, but with singleness of heart as in thy sight; and do thou direct all our thoughts, words, and deeds, with the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may set thy will ever before us, and give ourselves wholly unto thee, to spend and be spent in thy service as thou shalt see fit to call us; through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ENLARGE our hearts, O God, that we may love thee more and more; kindle our souls that we may praise thee; order our thoughts, words, and deeds, within and without, that we may be wholly thine, and may serve, praise, and glorify thee, for ever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS

(1) FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE HARVEST

See pp. 70 and 71.

(2) FOR PEACE AND DELIVERANCE FROM OUR ENEMIES

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield thee praise and thanksgiving for deliverance from our enemies, and for thy gracious gift of peace; we confess that it is of thy goodness alone that we have been preserved hitherto; and we beseech thee still to continue thy mercies towards us, that we may always acknowledge thee as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) FOR RESTORING PUBLIC PEACE AT HOME

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in an house; We bless thy holy Name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the strife which hath lately prevailed amongst us; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) FOR DELIVERANCE FROM COMMON SICKNESS

O LORD God, who dost not willingly afflict the children of men; We most heartily thank thee that in thy mercy thou hast delivered us from sickness and affliction, and with grateful hearts we desire to offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING and honour,
thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter,
more than we can conceive,
be unto thee, O most adorable Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
by all angels, all men, all creatures,
for ever and ever, Amen and Amen.
To God the Father, who first loved us,
and made us accepted in the Beloved:
to God the Son, who loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own blood:
To God the Holy Ghost,
who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts,
be all love and all glory,
for time and for eternity. *Amen.*

10

TWO FORMS FOR BIDDING PRAYER

I.

YE shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church, that is for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the whole world, and especially for the Church of England:

And herein I require you to pray for the good estate of our Sovereign Lord, King *GEORGE*, for our gracious Queen *MARY*, *ALEXANDRA* the Queen Mother, *EDWARD* Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family:

Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments, especially for the Archbishop of Canterbury, for *N.* our Bishop, *N.* Bishop-Suffragan of Buckingham, and all the Clergy of this diocese:

Ye shall also pray for the King's Councillors, for the High Court of Parliament, for the nobility and magistrates of the realm, especially those of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire; for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of this city [*or* borough]; for the King's forces by sea and land and air; for the University of Oxford; for all colleges and schools, especially those in this diocese; for the farmers and graziers, and all who serve mankind by the labours of their hands:

That all these in their several callings may live in the faith and fear of God, in dutiful allegiance to the King, and in brotherly charity one towards another:

Finally, let us praise God for all those who are departed out of this life in the faith of Christ, and pray unto God that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good example; that this life ended we may be partakers with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us thus to pray:

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

II.

A SHORTER FORM

YE shall pray for the Holy Catholic Church; for the Archbishop of this province and the Bishop of this diocese; for the King and his ministers and for the whole people; for those who worship here and for all our parishioners and friends, wheresoever they be; for any that be in deadly sin, and for all that are living in the grace of God; for the right guidance of our youth, and for the recovery of the sick.

Ye shall remember also the faithful departed.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

V.

SPECIAL FORMS FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

A.

FORM OF SERVICE WHICH MAY BE USED IN THE CASE OF THE BURIAL OF A BAPTIZED INFANT

¶ *The Priest and Clerks meeting the corpse at the entrance of the Churchyard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the grave, shall say or sing,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die (*St. John* xi. 25, 26).

BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (*St. Matt.* v. 8).

JESUS called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God (*St. Luke* xviii. 16).

TAKE heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven (*St. Matt.* xviii. 10).

HE shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom (*Isa.* xl. 11).

THE Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord (*Job* i. 21).

After they are come into the Church, shall be read this Psalm,

Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lesson,

St. Mark x. 13.

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them : and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he

took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Priest shall say, or the Priest and Clerks shall sing:

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Priest shall say,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear child here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our humiliation, that it may be like unto the body of his glory, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

Then shall be said or sung,

Rev. vii. 15.

THEREFORE are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple : and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters : and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Then shall the Priest say,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

WE commend into thy hands of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this thy child departed ; beseeching thine infinite goodness to give us grace to live in thy fear and love, and to die in thy favour ; that at the general Resurrection in the last day we, together with *him*, may be found acceptable in thy sight ; and may hear these most sweet and comfortable words : Come to me, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom which hath been prepared for you from the beginning of the world : Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst take little children into thine arms and bless them ; Open thou our eyes, we beseech thee, that we may perceive that it is

of thy goodness that thou hast taken this thy child into the everlasting arms of thine infinite love; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the fountain of life, whose ways are hidden and whose work is wonderful; who makest nothing in vain, and lovest that which thou hast made: comfort the souls of thy servants, who by the early death of this thy child are sorely smitten and bereaved: and grant that they may so love and serve thee in this present life, that, together with *him,* they may in the end obtain the fulness of thy promises, and be clothed with the perfection of glory in thy eternal kingdom; through the merits of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

B.

FORM OF SERVICE FOR USE WHEN THE PRAYER BOOK SERVICE MAY NOT BE USED

[Rubric before Burial Office in the Prayer Book: "*Here is to be noted that the Office ensuing* (The order for the Burial of the Dead) *is not to be used for any that die unbaptized, or excommunicate, or have laid violent hands upon themselves.*"]

¶ *The Priest and Clerks meeting the corpse at the entrance to the Churchyard, and going before it towards the grave, shall say,*

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

¶ *The* Gloria Patri *is not said after the Psalms in this service.*

At the grave shall be said,

Psalm xc. 1–12.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever

the earth and the world were made : thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

12 So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Then may be read,

St. John v. 25–29.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God : and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself : and he gave him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this : for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth ; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done ill, unto the resurrection of judgement.

While the corpse is being made ready to be laid into the earth, and is actually being interred, the Priest shall say,

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not,

and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The following prayer may be used for the benediction of a grave in an unconsecrated Cemetery.

O MERCIFUL God, we humbly beseech thee to sanctify this grave to be a peaceful resting-place for the mortal remains of our dear *brother* here departed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

SERVICES OF DEDICATION

1

THE OFFICE FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH

¶ *The Bishop (or some other Minister appointed by him), with the Clergy and others, will proceed to the spot where the Foundation Stone is to be laid; while the following Hymn is sung,*

CHRIST is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this Temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants, as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessèd to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While eternal ages run. Amen.

Then the Bishop will read this Preface following,

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together here to lay the Foundation Stone of a building which we humbly trust may in due time be consecrated as a house of God ;

And first, let us praise God's holy Name for the mercy and goodness with which he has so far prospered our work ; and let us further devoutly pray, that he will of his good Providence bless all who in any way contribute to its completion ; that he will protect from danger those who may be engaged in the building ; and that he will send his blessing upon our undertaking.

Then shall be sung or said,

Antiphon. My house shall be called : the house of prayer. Alleluia.

Psalm lxxxiv.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts !

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Repeat the Antiphon. My house shall be called : the house of prayer. Alleluia.

Then shall be read the Lesson,

Ezra iii. 10, 11 ; *or,* Zech. iv. 6–10.

Then shall be said or sung,

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods.

For his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Except the Lord build the house ;
Their labour is but lost that build it.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
From this time forth for evermore.
O Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Then will the Bishop say,

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, who, although the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, yet dost vouchsafe to dwell with thy Church here on earth ; Visit, we beseech thee, with thy loving-kindness, this place whereon we lay the foundations of a house to the praise and honour of thy holy Name. Let it not be profaned to impiety or put to common use, and, as thou didst fulfil the devotion of thy servant David through the labours of his son, so likewise grant that our desire may be accomplished, that thy servants may see thy work, and their children thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon the Stone, will say,*

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his Person; the one Foundation, and the chief Corner Stone; bless what we now do in laying this Stone in thy Name, and be thou, we beseech thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid by the person appointed thereto, with these words,*

IN the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this Stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then will the Bishop say,

HERE let the true faith and fear of God, with brotherly love, ever abide; and may this place, now set apart with prayers, and with the invocation and praise of the most holy Name, be evermore the Temple of the most high God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Here shall be sung the Doxology,

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, angelic host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in

thy holy Church, especially for those who have given of their substance to this good work; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the shield and defence of thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house; keep them in their building from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril; that the work which, through thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

2

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH

¶ *Before the Consecration of a Church takes place, due notice shall have been given to the Archdeacon, or some other Officer appointed in his place by the Bishop, who shall visit and inspect the Church, to see that it is properly furnished and equipped for the Celebration of the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church according to the use of the Church of England; and he shall have made his report to the Bishop.*

The Bishop attended by his Chaplains and Registrar will proceed, with the Vicar and Churchwardens, to the West door of the Church.

Outside the Church, a Petition, signed by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Parishioners, will be delivered to the Bishop by the Churchwardens in the name of those present, saying,

Reverend Father in God, we pray you to consecrate this Church.

And the Bishop will answer,

Let the consecration proceed.

Here, if convenient, a Procession may take place round the outside of the Church, while the Litany is sung, or part of it, as far as the Lord's Prayer.

Then the Bishop will knock three times upon the closed door, saying,

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

Answer shall be made from within by the Choir and people:

Who is the King of Glory?

The Bishop will answer,

The Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

The door shall then be thrown open, and the Bishop will enter and say,

ENTER, O Lord, this house, we beseech thee, and within the hearts of thy faithful people establish for thyself an everlasting habitation: that this Church which is built to thy glory may be glorified also by thine abiding presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace be to this house from God our heavenly Father.

Peace be to this house from his Son who is our peace.

Peace be to this house from the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

The Bishop, followed by the Choir and Clergy, will then proceed up the Church; and, if convenient, afterwards make a circuit of the Church within, singing the Litany (if it has not already been sung outside): or Psalm lxviii., *or* cxxii.

The people shall stand till the prayer on p. 133.

When the Bishop has reached the Chancel steps, he will say,

O GOD, who hallowest the places that thou hast chosen to set thy Name there, pour down thy grace upon this house of prayer, that all who here shall call upon thy Name may have full assurance of thy merciful aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ascending the Chancel steps, he will stand at the entry of the Choir, attended by the Epistoler and Gospeller, and will begin the Consecration, saying,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

Bishop

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Eternal Goodness, who embracest all things in heaven and earth, and keepest mercy for thy people who walk in the light of thy glory. Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of thy servants, that thine eyes may be open unto this house day and night. Send down upon this building, now solemnly set apart to thee in honour of . . . , the grace of thy dedication, the dew of thy mercy, and the glory of thine own proper majesty. Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, favourably to receive and graciously to accept all who shall come to

worship thee in this place. Forasmuch as thy Name is great, thy hand is strong, and thine arm uplifted, be ready to succour those that plead with thee here; hearken for the worthiness of thine honour, and protect them with unceasing care, that they may abide in felicity, rejoice in thy service, and continue steadfast in the catholic faith of the Holy and Blessed Trinity; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung* Psalm xliii., *during which the Choir shall proceed to their places in the Chancel, and the Bishop to the Altar; then will he say,*

DEARLY beloved brethren, let us pray to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that he, hearkening to our cry, will of his great mercy sanctify with his blessing this Altar (*or*, Holy Table) now to be consecrated for holy rites; that he will alway vouchsafe to bless and sanctify the oblations of his servants and handmaids, in due devotion offered thereon; that as the sweet savour of these spiritual sacrifices ascends before his throne, he will ever be ready graciously to hearken unto his people when they make their prayer unto him.

ALMIGHTY God, give ear to the prayers which we humbly present before thee; hallow this Altar (*or*, Holy Table) and the vessels thereof through the invocation of thy holy Name; and grant that the offerings made upon this Holy Table may be acceptable and well pleasing unto thee, through the grace and power of thy Holy Spirit. Hearken evermore to the supplications of thy household in this place, lighten their load of trouble and heal their diseases, grant their petitions and accept their resolutions, strengthen their good hopes and fulfil their holy desires: that we may ever draw nigh to the gift of thy grace with conscience sound and undefiled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then will the Bishop seat himself in his chair, while a table is placed before him, and will order the Sentence of Consecration to be read by the Chancellor or Registrar. Which done, the Bishop will sign it and declare the Church to be Consecrated, and will order the document to be enrolled and preserved in the muniments of the Registry of the Diocese.*

Finally, the Bishop will pronounce the Sentence of Consecration,

BY virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now consecrate, and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this house of God, under the name of . . . , and to the glory of the ever-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN

"Blessed City, heavenly Salem" (Part 2).

¶ *The Bishop will then proceed with the Communion Service.*

COLLECT

O GOD, who dwellest invisible in the heavens, and yet for the salvation of man dost manifest thy power upon earth; pour down upon this place the light of thy countenance; that all who come hither to seek thy face and cry to thee from the midst of any tribulation, may attain the satisfaction of thy pitying love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O HOLY God, merciful Father, who didst accept the offering of Abel and the willing sacrifice of Abraham; who didst command thy servant Moses to institute sacrifices as shadows of the one Offering of

thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; Bless, we beseech thee, this Altar for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries wherein is shown forth the perpetual memorial of the one most blessed sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who once for all suffered for the sins of the whole world, and now liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE

Rev. xxi. 1.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

THE GOSPEL

St. Matt. xxi. 12.

AND Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer;

but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Before the Blessing the Bishop will add,

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put into the hearts of thy *servants* . . . to erect this house to thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the works of their hand: remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have shewed for the house of their God, and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *To the Service of Consecration may be added the Dedications on pages* 139–143, *as occasion shall serve.*

3

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH OR MISSION CHAPEL

¶ *The Church or Chapel to be dedicated shall be previously visited by the Archdeacon or other Officer; (see Rubric at the beginning of the Service for the Consecration of a Church, page* 130).

¶ *The Bishop (or the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, or Incumbent, by the Bishop's appointment), having declared his readiness to proceed to the Dedication, will pass with the Clergy, the Churchwardens, and others, towards the Holy Table, the Psalm following being meanwhile said or sung,*

Psalm cxxii.

I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Bishop, standing at the Holy Table, and turning to the people, will say,

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by express command of God, have erected houses for the public worship of God, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father: let us not doubt that he will also graciously approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place to the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

Then, the people kneeling, the Bishop will say,

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy special presence in whatever place two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy Name to offer their supplications and their praises to thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to set apart this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honour of thy great Name; accept at our hands this House for the ministering of thy Word and Sacraments; to the promotion of thy glory, and the salvation of thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased thee, by thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of thy servants the desire to erect this House to thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech thee, that all who shall

enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop, with the Clergy and Choir, will then proceed to the Font.

The people stand throughout till the Prayer, Almighty God, p. 142.

AT THE FONT

Titus iii. 5–7.

NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Bishop. Let us pray.

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of this thy congregation; and bless this Font, which we now hallow for thy service, that it may be a laver of the new birth for all who shall be baptized herein; and grant that they, being washed and sanctified with the Holy Ghost, may die to sin and rise with Christ unto righteousness, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT THE CHANCEL STEPS

2 *Cor.* i. 21, 22.

NOW he that stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop. Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that all, who in this place shall renew the promises and vows of their baptism, may be confirmed and strengthened with power from on high, and, receiving the sevenfold gift of the Holy Ghost, may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gen. ii. 18.

THE Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

What God hath joined together:
Let not man put asunder.

Bishop. Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and remain in perfect love and peace together until their lives' end. *Amen.*

AT THE LECTERN

2 *Tim.* iii. 16, 17.

ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:
And a light unto my paths.

Bishop. Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who in this place shall read the Scriptures, which thou hast given us, may be filled with the faith of thy Gospel and with thankfulness to thee, who dost reveal thyself to men by the word of life, and may so read that all shall understand; and grant that all who hear may receive that word into honest and good hearts, and may bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT THE PULPIT

2 *Tim.* iv. 2.

PREACH the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine.

When thy word goeth forth:
It giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

Bishop. Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who in this place shall preach thy word may be so filled with thy Holy Spirit, that their wisdom and fervent zeal may turn back the hearts of sinners and establish the faith of all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN THE CHANCEL

1 *St. Peter* iv. 10.

AS every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
And thy saints sing with joyfulness.

Bishop. Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who in this place shall minister to thee may ever be mindful of the dignity of the office to which they are called, and that their prayers and praises may lead thy people to the throne of grace, and be joined to the perpetual intercession of our great High Priest and Advocate with thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Consecration of an Altar must be performed by the Bishop; see page* 133.

AT THE HOLY TABLE

1 *Cor.* x. 16.

THE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven:
That a man may eat thereof and not die.

Bishop. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast given thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Grant that the memorial of his death may here be made with reverence and godly fear, and the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving be offered with holiness and joy, to the honour of thy glorious Name, the benefit of thy whole Church, and the comfort of souls that shall live by feeding upon him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that holy mystery with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

GRANT that all wandering thoughts, all carnal and worldly imaginations may be far from them; and all godly and spiritual meditations may come in their place, and may daily be renewed and grow in them. *Amen.*

GRANT, when they pray, that their prayers may ascend up into thy presence, as the incense; and the lifting up of their hands be as the daily sacrifice. Purify their hearts, sanctify their spirits, and fulfil all their minds, that what they faithfully ask they may effectually obtain, and ever give thanks unto thee. *Amen.*

GRANT, when they offer, that their oblations and alms may come up as a memorial before thee; and they may feel and know that with such sacrifices thou art well pleased. *Amen.*

GRANT that this whole place which is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry may also be hallowed by the sanctifying power of thy Holy Spirit, and so for ever continue, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN

SERMON

HYMN, *during which the* COLLECTION *will be taken.*

BLESSING

¶ *The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Celebration of the Holy Communion shall be the same as in the Consecration of Churches, see pages* 134–136.

4

A FORM FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE SEVERAL PARTS OF A CHURCH

After the Second Lesson in Morning or Evening Prayer; or before any Service.

¶ *For the Dedication of an Altar, which must be done by the Bishop, see the Service for the Consecration of a Church,* p. 133.

¶ *The other Dedications may be performed by the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, or Incumbent, by the Bishop's appointment.*

¶ *For the Dedication of Church Bells, see page* 147.

¶ *In all cases the following words of Dedication may be used; to be followed by the Collect, having reference to the particular object to be dedicated:*

IN the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this . . . to the glory of God (and in memory of his servant *A.B.*) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall follow,

I. OF A FONT (see page 139).
II. OF A PULPIT (see page 141).
III. OF A LECTERN (see page 140).

IV. OF AN ORGAN.

Awake, thou lute and harp:
I myself will awake right early.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music, to praise thee because thy mercy endureth for ever; Graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this Organ, which we dedicate unto thy service, that we may sing our songs thereto in the house of the Lord; and grant us so to sing with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be

numbered among them who shall sing the new song before thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. OF A CHANCEL SCREEN

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:
In whose heart are thy ways.
They will go from strength to strength:
And unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who shall approach thy sanctuary through these gates, may come before thee with pure thoughts and clean hearts, and serving thee with reverence and godly fear, may be acceptable in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI. OF A LICH GATE

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

The Collect for Easter Even (*page* 153).

GRANT, O Lord, that they who, passing through this Gate, shall here lay the bodies of thy saints to rest, in hope of the blessed Resurrection, may evermore stedfastly believe in the fellowship and communion of thy saints, living and departed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII. OF A WINDOW

Her light was like unto a stone most precious:
Even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Let us pray.

Then shall follow, if occasion require, Memorial Collects, *as below, and a* Collect *having reference to the special mystery or saint represented.*

VIII. DEDICATION OF ANY OBJECT

Whosoever is of a willing heart:
Let him bring his offering unto the Lord.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee of thy merciful goodness to accept these offerings that we make, not of our own but of thine, for all things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee: and grant that *these* . . . , which neither art nor costliness can make meet for thy service, may ever be hallowed by thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the case of a* Memorial, *the following Collects may be used:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for our *brother* whom it hath pleased thee to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, who killest and makest alive, who bringest down to the grave and bringest up, who givest rest to the souls of the dead in green pastures and chambers of peace with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all saints, we commend to thy gracious keeping the spirit of thy servant (*or* handmaiden) *N.* who has departed in the faith of thy holy

Name, beseeching thee to (grant unto us such a measure of communion with *him* as thou seest to be good for us, and to) bring us together with *him*, to the joys of a blessed resurrection, all sin and evil being done away; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS

¶ *This Form may be used in Morning or Evening Prayer:*

Psalms xix., lxxxiv., cxxii.

First Lesson, Num. x. 1–11; or, 1 Chron. xxix. 9–15.
Second Lesson, 1 Cor. xiv. 1–15; or, Eph. iv. 1–17.

¶ *The Second Lesson ended, the Clergy and Choir shall proceed to the Ringing Chamber, and the Churchwardens presenting the ropes of the Bells to the Bishop, or his Deputy, shall say some such words as these,*

Reverend Father in God (or Reverend Sir), we request you to dedicate these Bells (*or*, this work, *or*, this offering in memory of . . .) to the glory and praise of God.

And he shall say,

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee to accept this offering at our hands; Bless, sanctify, and hallow these Bells, and grant that they may call together thy faithful people to praise and worship thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all they who shall ring these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise thee in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these Bells (*or*, this work) to the glory of God (and in memory of his servant . . .), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The following charge may be given, as the ropes are handed to the Incumbent:

RECEIVE these Bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for his glory.

Then let the Bells ring a short peal while the Clergy and Choir return to the Chancel.

After the Collect of the Day shall be said the following,

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to thine house of prayer, may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise: and finally may sing the song of the Lamb in thine house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or other necessity be hindered from coming into the house of the Lord, may by these Bells be reminded of the prayers of thy Church and rejoice in the communion of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the paradise of thine elect, there to find mercy, light, and everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

If desired, these prayers may be said in the Belfry, after the Prayer of Dedication, concluding with the words:

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

6

FORM FOR THE REOPENING OF A CHURCH AFTER RESTORATION

¶ *The Bishop (if present), with the Clergy and others, will proceed from the west door to the Chancel (and then, if convenient, shall make a circuit round the Church); during which the* Litany, *or a* Psalm, *or a* Hymn *shall be sung.*

Then will the Bishop (or other Minister) say the following Prayers at the Altar,

O MOST blessed Saviour, who, in the days of thy earthly ministry, by thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such service as this which we are now offering unto thee, be present with us by thy Holy Spirit; and, because holiness becometh thine house for ever, sanctify us, we pray thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to restore and adorn this house for thy honour and worship, and for the ministry of thy holy Word and Sacraments. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have shewed for the house of their God, and for the offices thereof; and grant that all who now or hereafter shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their

thankfulness to thee for the same, by making a right use of thy good gifts, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Service of* Holy Communion, *with special Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as in the Consecration of a Church* (*pages* 134–136).

Or, the Service of Morning Prayer, *with special Psalms and Lessons, as follows:* Psalms xv., lxxxiv., c. *First Lesson,* Ezra iii. *Second Lesson,* St. John iv. 19–26.

Or, the Service of Evening Prayer, *with special Psalms and Lessons, as follows:* Psalms cxxii., cxxxiii., cxxxiv. *First Lesson,* Haggai ii. *Second Lesson,* Heb. ix. 1–15.

7

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A BURIAL GROUND,

OR

OF A FRESH PORTION OF A BURIAL GROUND

¶ *On the Day of Consecration, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Easter Even may be used at a Celebration of the Holy Communion; and at Morning or Evening Prayer,* Psalms iv., xvi., xlix., *may be used; and as Special Lessons,* Gen. xxiii., and St. John xi. 18–47.

¶ *The Clergy, Choir, and Churchwardens will proceed with the Bishop round the Ground; while the following Psalms are sung or said:*

Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Other Psalms, such as xlix., lxv., and xci., *may be added.*

Then will the Bishop say,

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Then shall the Petition for Consecration be presented to the Bishop, with the words

Reverend Father in God, we beg you to consecrate this ground for the burial of our people.

The Bishop will receive it, saying,

I am willing to perform the Consecration.

¶ *Then, if he see fit, he will speak unto the people as to the purpose for which they are come together; he will cause the Sentence of Consecration to be read, and will sign it, and direct its preservation.*

Then will he declare the Ground consecrated, and bless it as follows,

GOOD people, by virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we have now consecrated, and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this ground, to be the resting-place of the dead until the glorious Resurrection of the last day; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be ever upon this place, and sanctify and keep it holy, that it may be a fit resting-place for the bodies of his saints, until the day of the Lord Jesus, when he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. Amen.

Then will he add these Collects:

O LORD Jesus Christ, who art the Resurrection and the Life, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy rising again hast opened to us the gate of everlasting life, who shalt send thine angels

and gather thine elect from all the ends of the earth; we humbly beseech thee for all those whose bodies shall here be committed to the ground, that they may rest in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through thee, O blessed Lord God, who shalt change the bodies of their humiliation, that they may be like unto the body of thy glory, according to the mighty working whereby thou art able to bring all things into subjection to thyself; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; We beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may with them at length enter into the fulness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then a Hymn may be sung.

Then shall the Bishop let them depart with the Blessing.

8

FORM FOR THE OPENING OF A CHURCH ROOM OR INSTITUTE

¶ *When the Choir and Clergy are assembled in the Room, a Hymn shall be sung; after which the Minister shall say,*

BE kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Be thou my strong rock and house of defence,
That thou mayest save me.
Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

Then shall follow one or more of these Prayers:

ALMIGHTY God, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift, and through whom alone it is that we can offer to thee of thine own; Accept the offering now humbly made of this Building; bless it for the uses to which it may be put; and grant that what is here done may be for thy glory and the help of thy people, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the chief Corner Stone of thy Church; Bless this Building which is now completed in thy Name, and

grant that it may tend to promote thy glory, and the welfare of thy people in this place. Fill those who shall frequent it with a spirit of love towards thee, and towards all men. Within these walls may harsh thoughts be ever subdued, and unkind words unspoken, and may those who here shall learn the way of thy statutes walk before thee with a perfect heart, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep, we beseech thee, those who shall meet from time to time in this place under the protection of thy good providence, and make them to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name. May they never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who art the giver of all wisdom, and willest that children shall be brought up in the fear and love of thy holy Name; Pour down, we beseech thee, thy loving-kindness upon all who shall be gathered together in this place, and grant that they may grow in grace and be delivered from all evils of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say,

IN the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Here a Hymn may be sung.

Let us pray.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all charity, who only makest households to be at one together; Vouchsafe to us, we beseech thee, thy holy and joyful gift of unity, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

VII.

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

1

FORM FOR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION [AND INDUCTION]

OR

LICENSING OF AN INCUMBENT TO THE CURE OF SOULS

HYMN

¶ *The Bishop, having proceeded to the Altar, will say,*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: In the Name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, we purpose now to give Institution into (*or* License for) the Cure of Souls in this Parish to our well-beloved in Christ, *A.B.*, Clerk (Master of Arts); and, forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our Blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with his own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that he would vouchsafe to give to this his servant grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.

Then shall silence be kept for a space, so that prayer may be made to God.

Then shall be said, all kneeling,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us.
As we do put our trust in thee.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors of thy Church diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may together receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same, and specially to this thy servant now present before thee; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy

mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung,

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, etc.; *or some other Hymn.*

¶ *Then will the Bishop be seated in a chair at the entrance to the Chancel: and the Patron, if he be present, or his representative, shall present the Clergyman to be instituted or licensed, with the words,*

Reverend Father in God, we present unto thee *A.B.*, to be instituted (*or* licensed) to the Rectory (*or* Vicarage) of ——.

Then will the Bishop say,

Let the declarations and oaths be made, subscribed, and taken, according to law.

Then follow the Declarations to be made, and the Oaths to be taken, by the Rector- (or *Vicar-*) *elect.*

(1) THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT

I, *A.B.*, Clerk (Master of Arts), do solemnly make the following Declaration:—I assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. I believe the Doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God; and in Public Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments I will use the Form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.

(2) THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, *A.B.*, do swear that I will be faithful, and will bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George, His Heirs and Successors according to Law.

So help me God.

(3) THE OATH OF CANONICAL OBEDIENCE

I, *A.B.*, do swear that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford and his Successors, in all things lawful and honest.

So help me God.

(4) THE DECLARATION AGAINST SIMONY

(The Form prescribed in the Benefices Act, 1898; see *The Diocesan Calendar.*)

¶ *Then, the Rector-* (or *Vicar-*) *elect kneeling before him, the Bishop will institute or license him in the accustomed form.*

¶ *Then, if it be a case for induction, the Archdeacon or his Deputy, taking the Mandate of Induction in his hand, shall proceed with the Bishop, the Churchwardens, and the newly-instituted Rector* (or *Vicar*) *to the Church door, and laying the hand of the Rector* (or *Vicar*) *upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner,*

By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of the Church of ——, with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Adding also,

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

After which the newly-inducted Rector (or *Vicar*) *shall toll the bell, to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.*

¶ *Then, the Bishop and the Rector* (or *Vicar*) *standing at the Font, the Bishop will say,*

HEAR the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people that they defer not the Baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

The Rector (or *Vicar*). I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are said, and the Bishop will say,

HEAR the words of Saint Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy.

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's house.

The Rector (or *Vicar*). I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

And at the place where the Lessons are read the Bishop will say,

HEAR the words of Saint Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The Rector (or *Vicar*). I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

At the Pulpit the Bishop will say,

HEAR the words of Saint Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The Rector (or *Vicar*). I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they will proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Bishop will say,

HEAR the words of Saint Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and to be ready at all times to prepare the people, according to their need, for the due receiving of the Holy Sacrament in faith and penitence.

The Rector (or *Vicar*). I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then will the Bishop, turning to the people, say,

HEAR the words of Saint Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Here a Lesson may be read.

Then will the Bishop speak to the people.

Then shall be sung an Hymn.

Then will the Bishop say,

O ALMIGHTY God, who makest us to will and to do of thy good pleasure; Give thy servant grace truly to perform the solemn vows and promises by him made; grant that he may be a faithful dispenser of Thy holy Word and Sacraments; and that he may be a godly example to the people committed to his charge; so that after this life ended they may come together to thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Bishop, laying his hands upon the Rector (or *Vicar*), *will bless him thus,*

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting

covenant; make thee perfect in every good work to do his will, working in thee that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then will he bless the people:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *The above shall serve also for the Institution or Licensing of Incumbents, or the Licensing of assistant Curates, in the Bishop's Chapel; the hymns, address, and what belongs to the Induction, being omitted.*

2

FORM OF INDUCTION

WHEN THE NEW INCUMBENT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY INSTITUTED IN THE PARISH CHURCH

¶ *Upon the Sunday next preceding the day appointed for the Office of Induction shall be read during the time of Divine Service the following or the like notice, and a copy of the same shall be placed upon the Church door:*

Notice is hereby given, that on —— next, the —— at —— o'clock in the —— the Archdeacon will publicly induct to the —— of this Parish the ——. The Parishioners are requested to be present, and to join in prayer to Almighty God for a blessing on their newly-appointed Minister, and on his ministrations among them.

¶ *Upon the day and at the hour appointed the following Service may be used as a separate Service; or Morning or Evening Prayer may be said to the Third Collect, with proper Psalms* (lxxxiv., cxxi., cxxxii.) *and Lessons* (Ezek. xxxiii. to verse 12; Titus ii.); *and the Service may follow.*

A Hymn.

Here may follow an Address or Sermon.

Then the Archdeacon shall say,

Let us pray.

Then shall follow these Prayers, the people and Priest to be inducted kneeling,

O Lord, save thy servant;
Which putteth his trust in thee.
Send him help from thy holy place;
And evermore defend him.
Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower,
From the face of his enemy.
O Lord, hear our prayer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in the Church; Mercifully behold this thy servant now called to the charge of this Parish; and replenish him so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn him with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, that this thy servant may so minister thy Word and Sacraments that, having faithfully fulfilled his course, he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the

righteous Judge, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that this thy servant may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that these thy people may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, as the means of their salvation; that in all their words and deeds they may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Archdeacon shall read the Mandate of Induction, and, taking it in his hand, shall proceed with the Churchwardens, the Patron (if present), and the newly-instituted Priest to the Church door, and, laying the hand of the Priest upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner:*

By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this Church of —— with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Adding also,

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

After which the newly-inducted Incumbent shall toll the bell to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.

¶ *Then, the Archdeacon and the new Incumbent standing at the Font, the Archdeacon shall say:*

HEAR the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people, that they defer not the Baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

Then the new Incumbent shall say,

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are said, and the Archdeacon shall say,

HEAR the words of St. Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy.

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's house.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

And at the place where the Lessons are read the Archdeacon shall say,

HEAR the words of St. Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

At the Pulpit, the Archdeacon shall say,

HEAR the words of St. Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Archdeacon shall say,

HEAR the words of St. Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the

body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and to be ready at all times to prepare the people, according to their needs, for the due receiving of the Holy Sacrament in faith and penitence.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Archdeacon, turning to the people, say,

HEAR the words of St. Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Then shall silence be kept for a space, while the Congregation secretly in their Prayers make their humble supplications to God for these things, all devoutly kneeling. After which the Archdeacon shall say the Prayers following,

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy

grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Archdeacon then, turning to the new Incumbent, will pronounce this Blessing:

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

The Archdeacon will then take the new Incumbent by the hand and place him in a seat on the south side of the Holy Table.

Then shall follow a Hymn, and the Service shall be concluded with this Blessing:

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

3

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE ADMISSION OF READERS

¶ *When the day named by the Bishop is come, the persons to be admitted Readers, being habited in cassocks, shall be presented unto the Bishop (if possible by Incumbents in whose Parishes they are to serve, and by a representative of the Lay-readers of the Diocese), with these words,*

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the Office of Reader in the Church.

The Bishop.

HATH inquiry been made into their life and conversation and their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures?

The Presenter.

INQUIRY hath been made, and they have been found to be meet for the duties that will be required of them.

Then will the Bishop say unto those present,

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as these persons now presented unto us have been found apt and meet to perform the duties of Readers in the Church, according to our Commission, we, on our part, are ready and willing to admit them to execute the duties therein set forth. But, before we solemnly appoint them to this Office, let us humbly call upon God in the Name of his blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, beseeching him to regard with his favour and blessing this our service, and to replenish these persons with his heavenly grace, that they may faithfully and dutifully execute their Office to the honour and glory of God, and to the salvation of their fellow men.

¶ *Then shall those who are to be admitted kneel before the Bishop; and the Bishop will stand up and say over them,*

O LORD God Almighty, who dost vouchsafe thy blessing to all that love thy Word, look graciously on these thy servants. Pour down upon them the abundance of thy grace; make them modest in their ministration: ready to obey those set over them in the Lord: diligent to fashion and prove their lives according to thy blessed Word. Make them wise in thy commandments, and understanding in thy statutes. Enlighten the eyes of their mind that they may know thy truth as it is in Jesus, and fill them with a zealous and patient love for every soul for whom he vouchsafed to die; that through their labours thy holy Church may be increased and edified, to the glory of the same thy Son, our blessed Lord Jesus; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

Then will the Bishop deliver into the hands of every one of them, humbly kneeling before him, the New Testament, and his license, saying,

A.B., I admit thee to the Office of a Reader in this Diocese, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then will the Bishop bless the Readers, saying,

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon you and upon your work done in his Name. The Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do his will now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Then will the Bishop say,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father . . . from evil. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop bless those present, saying,

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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